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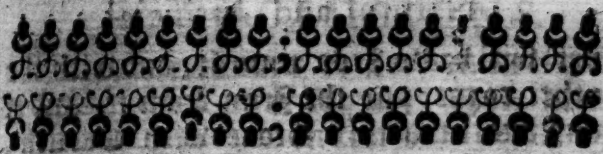
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The sundry Properties of the
Adamant STONE.

First, if any hold the Adamant Stone in his hand, under a Goblet or silver Bowl, or under a Table, and that the same be moved to and fro in the hand; then in the like manner will the Iron or Needle lying in the Goblet, or on the Table, move to and fro and round about. Also the Adamant sometimes with the one corner

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net will draw Iron unto it, and with the other corner put the Iron from it. And if any anointed this Stone with Garlick, it doth then hinder the Stone from drawing any Iron or Needle unto it, although the Needle should be laid on the Stone. And some write that this Stone will also draw Glass unto it, in like manner as it doth the Iron.

II.

The secret properties of the Egg.

AND first, the round Egg set under the Hen bringeth forth a Hen-Chicken, and the long Egg set under the Hen, bringeth forth a Cock-Chicken. Also the Egg with the shell laid to steep in Vinegar for three days space, doth after so soften it, that any may work the same at length like unto Wax. And the same Egg afterward laid in the water, doth come again unto the former state. Also, if an Egg be painted with sundry Colours, and the same set under a Hen to bring forth, she shall hatch a Chicken having such feathers, like unto the colours painted on the Egg. And the Egg
laid

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laid for three days to steep in strong Vinegar, and after for one whole Month laid to dry again in the Sun, shall after (by degrees) come to the hardness of a stone.

II L.

A proper Conclusion of an Hasel Stick.

First, take an Hasel Stick of a yard long, being new cut off, and cleave the same just in the middle, giving the one end so cleaved unto thy companion to hold in both his hands, and the other end hold your self in both your hands after such sort that both the inner parts of the stick may look one right against the other, in the laying down on the ground, and must also be laid asunder unto the breadth of two fingers, in such sort that they may touch together at some one place, by an overthwart manner, and within a while after, you shall see them draw and join together again of themselves. And this understand, that the stick must be new cleaved soon after the cutting up of it, for otherwise this stick worketh not the proper effect.

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IV.

A proper practice to make a Capon to bring up young Chickens.

First, to do this, take a Capon and pull the belly bare of feathers, and after rub the naked place with Nettles, setting young Chickens under him, and he will then miraculously cherish them, and bring them kindly up. And the rather, if you accustom to use the Capon the like for a time. For by that means he is moved the willinger to cherish, bring up, and feed, yea and to love them so well, as the Hen naturally would do. And the reason of this is, in that thorough the pricking of the Nettles, he is thereby the rather desirous to touch the soft down and feathers of the young Chickens sitting under him.

V.

To make any fowl of what condition soever the same be, to have feathers all white.

ID do this; take the Eggs and roil them in the juice of the herb called Mouse.

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House-eare, or in the herb called House-leek, or otherwise in Oyl (after the mind of Cardanus) and after put the Eggs again in the nest, and after the hatching, their feathers shall grow white.

VI.

How to make a Candle burn in the Water.

Ad to do this, take Wax, Brimstone and Vinegar, of each alike quantity; boyl these all together over the fire, until the Vinegar appear all consumed; and then after of that Wax remaining, make a Candle, and you shall see the proper effect as above is written.

VII.

To make a Woman that she shall not eat of the Meats set upon the Table.

To do this, take a little of the green Basil, and when one bringeth any Dishes of meat unto the Table, then put the same Herb secretly under one of the Platters or Dishes, that she espy it not? and as long as the herb so lyeth on the

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Table, the Woman shall eat nothing of that meat in the Platter or Dish, which covereth the herb.

VIII.

A proper secret of the Philosopher, to make a Stone to burn without fire.

And to do this, take Calamit, Bizim, stone, unslaked Lime, Witch Ceruse, of each of these three Drams, of Camphora one Dram, Asphaltum three Drams, all these make in Powder, and put the same in a strong Pot, well stopped, and after make a fire under the Pot, increasing the same by little and little, until the Powder in the Pot become so hard as a stone; and when you will have it burn, then rub the same well with a Cloth, and it will burn suddenly: and when you will put the same out, then spit upon it, and after set the same in a moist place, and it will go out.

IX.

To make one to see fearful sights in his sleep.

And to do this, take the blood of a Lapwing and therewith anoint the pulses

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pulses of the forehead, before the going to rest, and then after in the sleep thou shalt see both marvellous and fearful sights; as Vitalis Medicus writeth. Also he writeth, that if a man eateth in the evening before his going to Bed of the herb named Nightshade or Mandrake, or Henbane, he shall see in his sleep pleasant sights.

IX

X
How to turn Water into Wine, a proper secret.

If thou wilt convert or turn Water into Wine, then fill a brass Pot with the best Wine, setting upon the head of the Pot a Limbeck, and distill the Wine out, and the Lees remaining after the distillation, dry them, and bring them into fine powder, which equally mixed with the water, doth so cause the Water to have both the colour and taste of the same Wine. And the like unto this may be wrought and done in a Rose Limbeck. Also a Loaf of Barley Bread hot beaten out of the Oven, and broken into great pieces hot, and laid so to soke in good Wine

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Wine; which peeces when they shall be well soaken in the Wine, let them dry in the Sun, and after soake of that bread in fair water, and it will after receive both the colour and taste of that Wine.

XI.

To make a Light or Candle to endure burning without going out by any Wind, so long as the substance endureth.

To do this, make a weeke after thy discretion, which infuse in the Oyl of Hemp-seed, and after into molten Tallow, as you would properly make a weeke of Totten Candle, letting the same so hang somewhat until it be cold, then light it in the same sort as you do a common Candle, and it will not after go out with any wind, so long as the substance endureth. And in like sort may light be made to serue in the night time.

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if so be that fine linnen raggs be first soaked in the Oyl of Hemp-seed, and after dipped in molten Tallow; which so bound or wrought on a staffs end, to carry about, or otherwise lying on a staffs end in an iron plate.

XII.

How to make quarters of wood to hang so fast together, that they cannot be shaken asunder without breaking: or to lay Knives or Tobacco pipes triangular.

TO make quarters hold and hang together thus without tying, must be done on this wise. First, lay one of the quarters down, as these two letters A. and B. do instruct, on the which lay the other quarter, eben as they two letters C. and D. do here represent; and on that C. and D. lay the third quarter, as the letters E. and F. do here express, and in such sort, that E. and F. must lie under A. and B. And being then thrust hard together,

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ther, they cannot fall away without breaking, in that A. and B. is stayed and held of E. and F. and E. and F. of C. and D. and C. and D. holden of A. and B. so that none of them can fall asunder, the one from the other. Also that place where B. D. E. is holden or stayed together, and doth the like hold together, as by trial of the same shall more manifestly appear. Also the more and harder they be thrust together, the longer they continue so hanging together. And a like trial unto this may be assayed and proved, either with three sticks made flat for the nonce, or with three knives being alike, or three Tobacco-pipes, if they be orderly used.

XIII.

How to make a colour like to Gold, in understanding this secret.

And to do this, take of Aloes Hepa-
stick, and of Salt Peter, of each
fix ounces; these grind, and perfectly mix
together on a smooth Marble, or other
hard Stone; that being so laboured toge-
ther they can after be separated by no
means, and after to distil the same in a
Lim-

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A Limbeck of glass well luted about, that you may so dry out all the moist substance that will come. And with this you may gild what you list, understanding how to draw this liquor. Also by a shorter way and lesser pain, may you do the like, although not so perfect as the other above-said, which indeed is right marvellous. And now this is on this wise: First, take of Aloes Hepaticke three ounces, of Rosen six ounces, and of Oyl of Lin-seed well beyled, a pint and a half, these set over the fire in a Pot, and mingle them well together, after strain the same Liquor through a Linnen cloth, putting it into a Pot, which you must stop close, and so keep the same until you have need to gild any thing therewith.

XIV.

To make Silver like any metal, which shall so continue a long time.

To effect this, take half an ounce of Aqua-fortis, and a scruple of quicksilver, and a little of the Tartar made of the White Wine, and a little Salt: These put all together in a Pot or earthen Pan

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Man working and labouring the same together over hot Embers, which so done, you may after (with this composition) make silver like any metal you list, and to continue so long a time.

X V.

How to stick an Iron or Steel Bodkin into the head of either Cock, Hen, or Chicken,

TO do this, write first these words following, that is to say, Gibel, Gabel, in a Scrole, and bind the same about the Bill of the Cock, Hen, or Chicken, to colour this secret withal; which so done, then pierce the head of the Bird just in the middle as you can guess, with a very sharp pointed Bodkin? and after set the Bird down, and you shall see the Bird so lustily run away from you, if nothing were sticking in the head, the Bullet be big, unto the wonder of such as shall see the same. And now the reason of this is, in that the head and brain of the Bird, is divided into two parts in the bone, and the bone also doubled in the midst, so that the Bodkin

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may easily enter without danger, and of this the brain so pierceth, the Bullet nevertheless lieth, which if the ignorant see, they will perhaps believe; and think that the words only doth the same, which is nothing less.

XVI.

To make a Candle that will not go out, until the whole substance be wasted.

And to do this, take the best Wax and the purest Brimstone, of each a like portion, which take and melt together, and after make a Candle thereof, which being lighted, set the same in a Candlestick to burn. And the same Candle so lighted, will not go out until the whole substance be spent. Thus Cardanus writeth.

XVII.

How to make Iron soft: a proper Secret.

And to do this, take iuyce of the Hemlock, and quench the Iron in it,

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it, being well beated three or four times
letting it there remain every time un-
till it be absolutely cold. Also Cardan
writeth, that if you take Oyl, putting
to it molten Lead seven times together
to that Oyl, for four or five times to-
gether, and it will so make the same soft to
work.

XVIII.

To make a Sword, Dagger, or Knife to cut
Iron so easily as Lead.

OF this thing Hermes writeth, if
Sword, Dagger or Knife, being
of Iron and fashioned, and being red hot
if the same be afterward quenched in
the iuyce of the Radish, mixed with the
Liquor of the fresh worms of the ground
or rather the water of Artely distilled
being before somewhat bruised: such
Sword, Dagger, or Knife, saith he, shall
after have such a strange edge, if the same
red hot be quenched four or five times
it, that with the same you may cut Iron
so easily as if it were Lead. And he writeth,
that if Steel be often molten in

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foznace, and bepurified, until the same be so white as silver in a manner, and then after of the same fashion, graving Instruments with their edges and points orderly, like as to the Art of graving belongeth; which Instruments being red hot, quencht after into the iuyce of Radish, and the distilled water of the woorms of the earth, mixed together: Or else with the water of the woorms, drawn thzough a clean linnen Cloth; so that there be so much of this water, as of the iuyce of the Radish, and then those Instruments quencht four or fife times, in the abovesaid Liquor; And after will the edges and points of the Instruments be so hard, that you may cut and grave in any Stone and Iron, so easily as the same were Lead.

XI X

How to keep weapons clean and fair for a long time.

To do this, take Barrowes grease, common Oyl, new Wax, Cerule, of each alike, these temper together very well over a soft fire until they be thozowly

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ly incorporated, and after you have so done, anoint the burnished weapon with this Ointment, and it shall so continue in the same brightness, In secula seculorum. And there cannot be a greater Secret invented, for the keeping bright of Weapons then this is, if these words be well understood.

XX.

A very excellent and easie Conclusion, how to make steel soft as paste.

Do thus: take the gall of an Ox, Mans Urine, Meriurice, and the iuyce of the Pettle, of each of these take a little quantity, and mix them very diligently together; then after quench the Steel red hot in this liquor, four or five times together, and it will after become so soft as paste: and this is a right proper and necessary secret to be understood of all such Workmen as do any matters in Steel, as graving and such like, if these words be well marked.

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XXI.

An experienced Conceit, how to make
Hens lay Eggs all Winter
thorow.

TO do this take the tops of the Pet-
tles, when they begin to come unto
seed, and dry them: which so dried, gibe a
little of the same, with Bran and Hemp-
seed mingled together, to your Hens, and
they shall every day after lay you an Egg
apiece.

XXII.

A rare and strange Device, how to make
thy Chamber appear full of
Snakes and Adders.

TO do this, kill a Snake, putting the
same into a pan with Wax, and let
it so long boyl, until the same be thorow
dried; and of that Wax make a Candle,
lighting the same in the Chamber; and
within a while after shall appear as
though there were a thousand creeping in
the Chamber.

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XXIII.

How to make Letters appear of the
colour of Gold, Copper, or
Silver.

AND to do this, take very clear
Chrystal, and work the same into
marvellous fine powder, on a Marble
Stone, and after mix the same powder
with the white of an Egg, until this
be so prepared to write with: and after
with this comfekt, write what letters
you will, letting the same dry: and after
rub a Gold Ring, or any piece of Gold on
the same letters, and all the letters shall
appear like Gold. And in the like sort may
you make the Letters appear like Silver
or Copper.

XXIV.

How to make any piece of Iron to ap-
pear like Gold.

AND to do this, take four parts
of Rain water, into which put
Drams of Roch Allum, and Ten Drams
of Opment, of Roman Vitriol, and
Salt Gemme, of each an ounce, and
a scruple.

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a scruple of Copperas; and these boyl together, after put therein a quart of Vinegar and Tartar, and common Salt finely beaten to powder, of each three ounces, all these incorporate again over a soft fire very well, and after occupy the same: which maketh the colour like unto Gold.

XXV.

How to have fresh Roses at all times of the year fundry ways
raught.

As first, if you will have fresh Roses at any time, so well as in the Month of May, then gather the buds half open in a manner, in the evening, when as the Sun is set, and touch them not with the hand in the gathering, but with a sharp knife properly gather them, after lay the Roses upon a Board, letting them to lie abroad in a fair night, all the night through, and then after have in readines a new earthen Pot well glazed within and without, into which put the former Roses before the Sun be up in the Morning and stop close the mouth of that Pot with clay, being mixed with

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Horse-dung and flocks, all tempered well together before, whereby no air of the Roses may passe or breath forth. After, set the same pot into the ground, covering it in dry sand; and let no moist place be near or about the same. And now on this wise may you have fresh Roses at any time of the year.

Also, take of the Rose-buds in the spring time, when they begin first to open, and put those in a green Cane yet growing cleaving the same by little and little, until you may handsomly put in those buds, and after tie that place with a thred, stopping the same about, that no air breath out, and after cover that piece of the Cane or Reed, so bound & stopped about, under the earth, bowing down the same stalk by little and little, that the same break not, and cover the same well with the earth, letting it there remain so long as you list, and when you be minded to have them forth, then cleave the Cane by little and little, that you spoyle not the buds, and after set them in the Sun, or in luke-warm water, and they shall be open and fair without space, as in the midst of May.

Also, if you will have dry Roses, to

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come fresh, then take a new glazed pot, and wet the same within with Rose-water, and after shut that pot with the Roses very close: letting it so to stand for five days, and they shall be fresh.

XXVI.

How to make Beans and other seeds to grow up in space of four hours.

First to make Beans grow up in an hours space, take the Beans, and put them in hot oyl, let them there remain for eleben days, and after dry them. And when you will make proof of them, then set the Beans, and go to dinner; and by that time you rise again from the table, and go look on them, you shall find them grown up well a span high. And the like you may do with Gourds.

And now to make the Gourds grow up in the space of four hours, both with leaves and flowers, take the seeds of the Gourd, and let them lie in the blood of a sanguine young man, and let them there remain for Fifteen days, in a moist place, and in a pot well stopped; and after

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take them forth, and let them be dried well in the Sun, and when you will sow or plant them, then take a dishfull or two of good earth, and dry the same well; after wet the same with a little fresh water, and after have warm water, potting the same upon earth until it become sufficient soft, and then plant your seeds in it, and within three or four hours after you shall have Gourds grown up together with leaves and with flowers.

And the like may you do with the Melons, Citrons, and divers other green Treas.

XXVII.

To make a Candle of Ice to burn like unto another Candle.

To do this make a Candle of Brimstone, which with the Powder of a Coal smirred about, and after in the Winter time broken the same in water, but cover the head of it with a paper, and after hang the same at the mouth of some gutter which droppeth fast, whereby it may so be covered with half a fingers thick.

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thickness of Ice in the morning, and after being lighted, it will then burn unto the wonder of such as shall see the same. And take pure Wax and fine Brimstone purified, of each alike: melt these together, making thereof a Candle, and after take the powder of a Coal finely beaten, and Brimstone the like in powder, these sift through a Serse or linnen Cloth, and after heating the Candle, smear the said Candle about, so long until it have (as it were) a thick crust round about the same, like unto the thickness of the back of a Knife: which after cover about the head of it with a Paper, and then hang the same at the mouth of a Butte, which droppeth fast, until the Ice cover it about a finger thick, then light the same, and it will burn like as if it were all of wax.

XXVIII.

To make flesh seem to crawl full of Worms.

AND to do this, take Harp-strings, and cut them into very short pieces, which strow upon Meate, being taken hot

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hot out of the Pot, and those pieces will then move and stir about, like unto living worms.

XXIX.

How to make a light in the night time, that all things round about thy Hall or Parlour shall appear both black and green.

TO do this, take the black iuyce or ink of the fish named Cuttle, and the like quantity of Verdigrease; these mix well together, putting the same into a Lamp, and dipping a weck in that liquor; then light the same, putting out the other Lights in that room, and then shall all things round about that place, and the walls also, being white, appear both black and green, unto the marbel of such as shall see the same.

XXX.

How to make Roots to have what proper form you will on them.

TO do this, take such green roots which be big, like as the Broom roots,

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roots, Rabim roots, and Rape oz Rabiem roots, and of any of these Roots carbe and cut as you list, and after put the same into the earth, letting it there so long remain, until the same carbing be covered with a skin. And on such wise may you make the counterfeit Wandzakes, in fashioning in the Wzong-root, as both Martheolus and Cardan do write, the form of a man with a Wen-knife, and setting the same Root again into the earth, with the head of the Root turned downward, and a little Barley put under it, which after will cleave and hang fast into the head of the Root, and appear like unto hair growing out of the same.

XXXI.

How to break a Stone with the fist, of the thickness of ones hand.

A To do this, first raise the edge of a flat stone upright from a plain board, or rather, from a big smooth stone, in such sort, that it stand of itself, without any under-bearing or help; and after, with the fist smite hastily or quickly that

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that part standing upright, which falling together flat on the plain board or stone, both so break in so many pieces. And if the fist be swifter smitten, then the end of the stone toucheth the boards in the falling, then is that stroke in vain: and breaketh not the same at that time. And in like manner may Tiles be easily broken with a small and easie stroke of the hand, for that through the weight of the stone in the falling, and help of the quick stroke, it both of this so lightly break, even as it were done with the heaviest stroke of a hammer.

XXXII.

To make an herb to grow, which shall have many savours and
tastes.

To do this, first take one seed of the Lettice, one seed of Endive, one of Smalledge, one of the Basil, one of the Leek, and of the Parsley, all these put together in a hole in such sort, that one seed may touch another: but this remember, that you plant these together in the dung of an Horse or an Ox, without any earth

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earth at all with them. And then after of these seeds shall grow up one proper herb, which will have so many flavours and tastes, as there were seeds sown together.

XX XIII.

How to make sundry Devices or Arms or
such like in a Rose, Carnation,
or Flower-de-luce,
or Lilly.

To do this, take Sal Armoniack,
grind the same on a Marble Stone,
with fine Vinegar, and a little Sugar-
candy, and keep the same in a narrow-neck-
ed Bot or Glass, and after take your Rose
and dress the Leaves, fastening them with
red wax, that they may so lie plain and e-
ven: which so done, then take a fine Pen-
nill, with the liquor drawing on the leaves,
what proper matter or Arms you list, and
after let the same dry of it self putting up-
on the leaf-gold, or the leaf-silver, and
after pressing it lightly or gently down
with Bombas, and that which sticketh
not then fast, falleth off in the doing, and
so your works will remain trim and fair.

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XXXIV.

To write what you list on a steel Dagger or Knife.

TO do this, take an ounce of Saltpeter, and an ounce of green Copperas; heat these grossly together, and after put the same into a strong bottle of glass, distilling a water of it; which water use on this wise: First, take yellow or red Wax, stretching the same upon the Dagger or Knife, so far as you will draw or write thereupon, unto the thickness of a paper-leaf, and somewhat more; after, draw or write therein what you list drawing or writing unto the Steel; and then fill the hollow drawing or holes with the distilled water, which within a day and a night will have eaten it sufficiently. And the like may you draw and do on any other piece of Steel.

XXXV.

How to break a new and big Rope, with the hands only.

TO do this, take and fasten the one end of the Cord or Rope, either with

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with a nail driven fast into it, or about a strong hook of Iron, and after wind the same three or four times, or oftner, about thy hand, and the other end of the Cord or Rope wind about by the top of the Palm, between the four finger and the thumb, that the one part of the Cord may reach unto the Nail, and the head, or other end, unto the bottom of the Palm, by which it must be again wind-ed about, and after that winded again once or twice about. And this so done, then with a vehement pluck and force, assay in the same part by which it is so over-winded, or run with the Cord, so that the substance of the Cord or Rope which is under, doth defend, that the hand can take no harm by the hasty and strong pull: and take heed that the uttermost fold of the Cord slide not in thy hand. And to conclude, this conceive, that in the mighty and hasty pluck together, the one fold of the Cord doth so cut & other in sunder; and then especially when as that part shall be set soft, which is between the hand and the nail, and that both the hand be strong, and then pluck out right and quick. And now if

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you will conceive this order in the winding of the Cord about both the hands, you may so break the same with the only strength of the hands: yea, such strong Cords or Ropes, as will well hold a Bullock or Cow, unto the admiration or wondering of the lookers on.

XXVI.

How to make white Flowers; like as the Lilly, white Rose, and such like, to be red.

To do this, fill a Pint Pot of the best red Wine unto the middle of it, and within the mouth of the Pot hang the white flowers so deep in, that they touch not the Wine, after cover the mouth of the Pot very close, so that no air of the Wine breath out, and then let it stand for one whole day, and they will after become red of colour. And to make such flowers that be naturally white to become red, do this, first take gross Earth, drying the same very well in the Sun, that you may after bring the same into a very fine powder, and after put the same Earth into a Pot or Gall Tub,

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Sub, where you mind to plant your white flowers to become red, and after they be so planted in the Earth. then let them not be watered at any time with any other water than this, which is made on this wise: Take water, putting therein a certain quantity of Brasil finely cut, and boyl the same unto a third part, which water after take, and being thorough cold, water by little and little the same Earth, as both at morning and evening, and water it at no time with any other water then this, until you see that the same water first have taken effect.

XXXVII.

How to make hollow Ring to dance by it self, a proper secret.

To do this, take a Ring round about hollow, into which put Quicksilver, and stop the same fast, that it run not forth. After heat the Ring somewhat in the fire, or let it lie near unto the fire, and being hot, lay the same on a Table or Stool, which by and by after will begin to dance of it self, until it be cold again.

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XXXVIII.

To make Glue to hold together so hard
as a stone: a proper
Secret.

And to do this, take unslak'd Lime,
and quench the same with Wine, and
beat the same into fine powder, mixing
therewith both Figs and Swines grease,
and after labour them well together: for
this (as Pliny writeth) passeth the hard-
ness of a stone. Also, take Greek Witch,
Rosin, and the powder of Tyle stones,
these mix together: and when you will
occupy the same, then heat it ober the
fire, and work therewith: for when the
same is cold, it holdeth them together so
hard as any nail. Also, take of Spuma
ferri one pound, of the Tyle-herd two
pound, of unslak'd Lime four pound, of
Oyl of Linseed so much as shall suffice to
prepare and work them together: for this
Glue is marvellous strong, and indeed
neither feareth nor yieldeth to water nor
fire.

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XXXIX.

How to make an Apple to move on the
Table : a proper Secret.

TO do this, take an Apple, and cut the
same in the midst; and in the one
half make a round hole, putting therein a
black Beetle, and so lay the half on the
Table; and it will then move.

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To make Roses, and other flowers that
be red, to become
white.

AND to do this, take Baimstone,
beating the same in fine powder,
which powder burn on a new Tile-stone,
holding such red flowers as Roses over y
smoke of it, whitenes it so burneth; and they
will after become white: And on this wise
you may make your Roses half white, and
half red: or one leaf white, and another
red, by a cap of paper so cut for the
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How to write letters on the Egg-shell, that
the same letters may appear
within on the
Egg.

TO do this, take a little quantity both
of Galls and Aloes, which work
together with Vinegar, and after waite
with this liquor what you will on the shell,
and that dried, lay then the Egg in Urine,
or else anoint the Egg about with Oyle,
unto the thickness of a Paper, or some-
what more; and with a fine Bodkin write
deep letters, that the holes may be open,
and the letters apparent; into the which
holes pour of this liquor; and when the
same is dried on the Egg, then seeth the
Egg until it be hard; and after, lay the
same to soak in sharp Vinegar, through the
which soaking, the letters will so pass the
row the shell that the letters may be easi-
ly discerned on the Egg, after the shell is
pulled off from it,

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XLII.

How to kill Fleas divers ways.

First, to gather all the Fleas in the chamber in one place, anoint a Staff with the grease of a Fox, or Hedg-hog, and lay the Staff again where you list in your Chamber, and it shall so gather all the Fleas by it. Also, fill a dish with Goats blood, and set the same by the bed, and all the Fleas will come to it round about. And the like will they do by the blood of the Hedg-Hog Also, take the fat of a Goat, and anoint what you list therewith, and set the same under your bed, and all the Fleas will gather unto the same. Also take Lupines or flat Beans, and boyl them in water with Mozm-wood, and that water sprinkle well about the Chamber, and all the Fleas shall avoid that Chamber. Also, take an Apple of Colloquintida, and infuse the same in water, and in that water boyl wozm-wood, which cast about the Chamber, killeth all the Fleas. And the like doth the Beach-leaves, or Merbin, or Coliander boiled in water, and so cast about.

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XLIII.

How to make a Pot of Glass not
to sink in the water :

A proper Secret.

TO do this, first fill a Glass Pot full of Water or Wine, unto the Brim; for otherwise it sinketh down, and is drowned in the setting of it in the Water: the reason of which, appeareth by this Demonstration.

Imagine that the Pot be D. whose neck is A. B. C. that vacant part of it A. B. in that A. B. doth bear above water, through the very Air which is contained therein, and the weight of the Glass: A. B. draweth toward the center; and A. B. C. cannot descend by a straight line down, for that it shall labour in vain: And therefore the signifier D. boweth in that D. when as Wine is set in the Water, it resisteth not, and therefore A. B. doth descend, until it come unto the upper face of the Water: but when A. B. shall be in the upper

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upper face of the water, the part E. is then drowned, in that it is the nether part; and all the neck of the pot.

XLIV.

To make a Bottle or narrow-mouth'd Pot full of Water or Milk, not to spill, or shed forth.

TO do this, take a Bottle or narrow-mouth'd Pot, and fill the same unto the brim; after, cover the mouth with a Paper, and then turn the mouth downward, on the mouth of another Pot, and nothing shall shed forth; as by a tryal in filling the one Pot with Milk, and the other with Water may be seen.

XLV.

How to make a thin Glue, very profitable; a proper Secret.

TO do this, take the Glue made of Fishes, beating the same strongly on an Anvil, until it be thin; which after lay it to soak in water, until it becometh very soft and tender, which will be within five or six hours; and then work it
like

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like paste, to make small rolls thereof, which when it is like unto paste, stretch it, or draw it out very thin: and when you will work with it, then put of the same into an earthen pot, with a little fair water, over hot embers, and scum the same very clean, and let it so seeth a little while: after work with the same, keeping it still over the hot embers, until you have done with it; for so it fasteneth and binderth the stronger; and in such sort, that it fastneth pieces of Glass together.

XLVI.

How to draw a Ring off, being very hard thrust on, and the finger swelled.

If either man or woman hath thrust a Ring so hard on their finger, that he or she cannot draw the same off, through the swelling of the finger; then thred a needle, and draw the same under the Ring, and wind the thred about the thred on the other side; and so often wind the thred about: and diligently consider, that the whole joynt and part of the finger,

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ger, lying or being between the ioynt and the King, be covered about with the thred; and that no part of the skin be seen, through the close covering of the thred; and then draw the Needle again under the King, and wind the thred likewise about on the other side, & that speedily, whereby the King, drawn and removed on the thred by little and little, may so pass over the ioynt, and come off. But whilst you are in the doing of this, make no tarryance or delay, for that the finger both so lightly swell, that without great pain the King cannot be drawn off.

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To make fruits, as Apples, Pears, Quinces, and such like, to have what proper form you will on them.

TO do this, counterfeit on a piece of Wood, being in bigness to the fruit which you desire, what form you will: Or else cut Roman or other fashioned letters in it, to express (if you list) some proper words: which so done, then make a mold with Water and Chalk, unto the
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thickness of the little finger, the same part into just the half. And when this mold is dry (which soon drieth) separate then the same from the wood with Oyl before. And when you have gotten off the mold from the wood, and parted it in two just halves, then take the same mold, and bind it most close unto the fruit, being grown unto his half bigness, and let it so continue until the fruit be come unto his full bigness, and then take the mold away, and you shall see the trial of the form so taught.

XLVII.

How to cut a Glass: A proper Secret.

TO do this, keep a thzed in Oyl and Brimstone mixt together, and compass the Glass with the thzed, in the place where you would have it parted; and after kindle and light the same: and often do thus, until the same be hot, and after compass the same with a thzed wet in cold water, and it will part so clean asunder, as if the same had been cut with a sharp pointed Diamond.

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XLIX.

How to walk on the Water.



TO do this, take two little Rimbezels and bind them under the soles of thy feet, and at thy staves end fasten another; and with these you may walk on the water, unto the wonder of all such as shall see the same, if so be you often exercise the same, with a certain boldness, and lightness of the body.

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How to soften Chrystal, to imprint what
you list; a proper
Secret.

TO do this, take the blood of a Lamb,
and the blood of a Wether, mixing
these together; after, take the Chrystal-
stone, heating it in the fire burning hot,
and then quench it in the blood, which af-
ter will become as soft as paste: then with
a Copper Wzint work therein what you
list; and after set the same abroad in the
air, and it will come again unto the former
hardness.

L I.

To make a Candle after a strange manner
burn: a proper Secret.

FOR to do this, first make a Weeck
of Silk, and infuse the same in the
Oyl of Vemp seed; and when the Weeck
shall be sufficiently soaked, roll the same
in Snow, until it be of the bigness of a
great Candle, whereby it may so be well
wrought together; and after light the
same.

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same, setting it in a stick, and it will give the like light as a Wax-Candle. Also, make a Candle of Purpen Stone and Wax together, about the which roll Snow, and the Snow will burn until it be all wasted. Also, take Snow, and mix therewith the powder of Camphire, and of the same make a Candle, and it will burn being lighted.

LII.

How to draw many Candles the one after other, being laid a foot distance or more asunder.

For this, take Brimstone, Opiment and Oyl, these labour together, and make thereof an Opiment: after, take so many Candles as may well serbe your Table, which lay on the Table a large foot asunder, and all a row, the one behind the other, as long as you list to lay them; yea, a hundred may you lay down on this wise alength. if you lay them streight, then take a long thred, and anoint the same in this Opiment; which after lay along on the Candles, and after, drawing the foremost, all will follow by order.

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LIII.

How to cut an Apple into many pieces,
without harming of the skin
of paring.

To do this, take a most fine Needle,
with a small thred, and thrust the
same by little and little under the pa-
ring, and thrust it in again right a-
gainst the place, until you have so gone
round about the outside of the Apple.
And this also remember, that you thrust
the Needle thorow the paring, at strait
corners one against the other of the Ap-
ple, and this so often do, until you come
again unto the first place where you be-
gan.

And if so be you would divide the same
in six or eight pieces, then draw the thred
again by a like distance, always taking
heed to divide the Apple under the skin:
And when you have once done with the
Apple, and the pieces yet cohered with the
skin, then draw out the ends of the thred,
and you shall after divide the Apple with-
in, without harming of the paring or skin,
into so many pieces as you list. And when
you

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you have thus drawn out, and taking the
thred quite away, you may keep the Apple
so long as you think requisite.

LIV.

How to make a Cup of Glasse, being set in
in the fire, not to burn.

ADd to do this, take what Cup or
Pot of Glasse you list, and seeth the
same in common Oyl, & by the space of
five houres and after take it forth, and it
will be then made so strong, that the said
Cup of Glasse, or Pot, will endure the heat
of the fire.

LV.

How to make Quick-silver in a maner
so hard as Silver.

ADd to do this, take the strongest
Vinegar, and whites of Eggs, well
beaten together, and three Dunces of
Quick-silver, unto one of the other: these
first distill together in a Limbeck well
luted, and in that distilled water put the
Quick-silver, and it will be after so hard,
that you may work it with the hammer.

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Also take Quick-silver, and wash it in the Distilled water of mans blood; and every time you wash the same, let it dry, and in the end it will come to be so hard as silver.

LVI.

A pretty Conceit, how to catch Fowls without a Net.

TO do this, take Arsenick, putting the same in water, and in that water boyle Wheat, or any other Grain, and cast the same forth unto Fowls; and so many as eat thereof, will not be able afterward to fly away. And take the iuyce of Celidone, and infuse Wheat in the same, letting it there remain for three days: after, give the same to Fowls to eat, and such as eat thereof, you may after take with the hand. Also, take wheat, putting in wine-lees, and let the same remain there eight days: after that, put it into the iuyce of Celandine and Hore-bound to steep; which so done, then give of the same unto the Fowls to eat; and such as eat thereof, cannot fly away.

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LVII.

To make a Candle to be marvelled
at : A proper Se-
cret.

A To do this, take four ounces of salt
Pitre, fix ounces of fine Frankin-
tense, three ounces of Bzinsone, fix ounces
of Oyl, and fix ounces of the milk of Ca-
raptria : all these beat fine, and mix toge-
ther : After, take three ounces of Wax,
and make them a Candle of all together,
in the end of which Candle, stick deep a
needle, and after set the same in a narrow-
mouth'd glass full of water, and you shall
see after what the same will do.

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LVIII.

How to see many wondrous and strange
signs in an Urinal.

And to see these, take a new and cleane
washed Urinal, into which pour
either cleane water, or other running wa-
ter: after, take the white of a new-laid
Egg, and a little Saffron, binding it in a
cleane linnen cloth: after that, pour a little
of the water into a dish, and put the cloth
with the Saffron in it, so long until it
have coloured it somewhat: and being on
this wise, then beat the white of the Egg
with this water seven or eight times with
thy finger, and then pour the same into the
Urinal, and you shall after see in it Tow-
ers, Castles, Hills, and many other strange
lights.

LIX.

How to make a Loaf of Bread, new
set upon the Table, to
leap off.

TO do this, take a Quill, filling the
same with Quick-silver, and stop-
ping

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ping it close, thrust the same after into a
hot, & oaf, & draw out of the Oven and
the oaf shall be and by dance upon the
Table.

LX.

How to make an Egg flee about: a mer-
ry Conclusion.

To do this, take a Goose Egg, and
after the opening and cleansing of it,
take a Bar that fipeth in the Evening,
which put into the shell; then glue it fast
about on the top, and the Bar shall lie a-
way with it, which perhaps will be
thought of some to fly about in the air of
it self.

LXI.

How to make Artificial Fire divers Ways:
which will seem marvel-
lous.

To do first, to make a flame of fire to
pass suddenly out of the mouth of
a pot full of water, take an Egg, making
a hole in the head, and draw out all the
substance of the same: which so done,
then

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then fill the same with the powder of
Wrimstone and unslak'd Lime mixed to-
gether, stutting the mouth with Wax,
and so let it fall to the bottom of a Quart-
pot full of water, taking quickly your
hand away, and suddenly will issue forth
a flame out of the mouth of the pot. And
also, if thou wilt spit fire out of thy mouth
without pain, and to do thee no harm,
take the powder of the Willow-stick fire-
ly beaten and seised, with the which join
a little new Silk, making it round up,
like unto a Ball, into which put this pow-
der, wrapping the Silk well about it,
and after put within it, with the powder a
little fine Flax, and then properly stitch
it up round about: which so done, then cut
it open a little on the one side, putting a
quick Coal or a light Candle unto it, to
set it on fire a little: then put it again
into thy mouth, holding the same softly
with thy Teeth: and turning also the
part cut inward in thy mouth: and when
thou wilt spit fire out, then hold the Ball
strongly in thy mouth: and blow, and the
lookers on shall see then a great Flame
issue forth of thy mouth, and do thee
harm at all. Also, to make fire fire up

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the air, Take Tolo, and wet the same in Aqua Vitæ; and after put fire to it, and blow the same away, which after will flie up in the air, and burn.

LXII.

How to know a natural Precious Stone from a Counterfeit.

TO do this, rub the same on Lead; and if it change the colour, then it is counterfeit; if it change not, then it is a natural Stone. Also, if the Stone have like unto a Bladder within, then it is counterfeit.

LXIII.

How to make a Man to appear on a flame burning, without any harm.

FO2 to do this, take Brimstone, Spi-
ment, and common Spl, of these make
an Oynment, with the which a-
noint thy Garments all about, and thy
head and hands, after light the same,
and it will burn all at once, without
harm. Also, take iuyce of Adders tongue,
the

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the iuyce of March Mallows, or other Mallows, and the white of an Egg; these mix together, anointing therewith all about thy body; and then cast the fine powder of Brimstone on the same, setting it ober a fire, and it will strangely burn, and yet neither harm hands nor garments which shall be anointed therewith.

LXIV.

A new conceited Conclusion, to make
a Chamber as light by night
as by day.

TO do this, take that part which shineth of the Night-worm, and bzuise them well: which after set in hot Bozledung in a Glass stopped, and let it there so stand for fifteen days, and after distil the same in a Limbeck of Glass, with a soft fire: the which water so drawn, stop close in a narrow-neck'd Bot of Chrystal-Glass, and hang the same in the entry of the house, and it will so gibe a very bright light.

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LXV.

How to make two Dogs fight together :
a proper Secret.

TO do this, take the Herlisset of the
Wolf, and cast the same between two
Dogs; and they shall so long fight toge-
ther, as they lie there between them: and
when you will have them to cease fighting,
then take them away.

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How to make a Bitch that she shall not
desire to be covered with
any Dog.

AND to do this, take Bees, and pre-
pare them orderly which after give
unto the Bitch with bread, or with meat,
and she will not after suffer any Dog to
touch her.

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How to cast forth any Worm or Snake en-
tered within the Body.

AND to do this, boil the herb Basil
over a soft fire, in Vinegar; which so
boiled,

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boiled, giue unto the patient to drinke. and it shall cast the same up forthwith. And if the same be a Snake entered within the body, then you may take woziting Inck, and good Wine, mixing them together; which after drinke, and it will cast up whatsoeuer evil be in the body.

LXVIII.

How to make a blown Bladder to dance and skip about from place to place.

TO do this, put Quick-silber in a Bladder and lay the Bladder in a hot place, and it will after skip from place to place, without handling.

LXIX.

How to make a Hen to run away with great fear.

FOR to do this, take the head of a Rite, and tie the same about a Hens neck, and she shall neuer cease running here and there until you have taken away the same from her neck: and when you will take the same from her neck, she will then move from you nothing at all.

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LXX.

How to find a person drowned, that hath been sought for.

To do this, take a white loaf, and cast the same into the water, neer the suspected place, and it will forthwith go directly over the dead body, and there still abide; by which you may well find the dead body.

LXXI.

How to deal with Iron many ways right profitable.

First, to make Iron as soft as paste, take Vitriol, and Salt Pitre, of each alike, beating these to powder; which after distill in a Limbeck of Glass; and in this Water lay your small pieces of Iron for a day and a night; which after sober in hot Horse-dung for fifteen days, and the same will become very soft, like unto paste: and with the same Iron you may make Seals, or Grabe, or otherwise imprint what you list on Iron, so easily as into earth: and you may also beat and

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work the same Iron so easily as Lead. Also, make a Water of Roch-Allom, as is abovesaid, and in the same water quench your Iron seven times, and it will make the Iron so easily break as Glass, and so make powder thereof. Also, quench the Iron in the dung of an Ox or Cow, tempered with honey, oftentimes, and it will become so soft, that you may work the same like Lead, with the hammer. Also take salt Armoniack well beaten, and mix the same with unslak'd Lime, and mix the same with cold water, like unto a thick Broth; and in this water temper the Iron, and it shall after become white, fair, and very strong. Also, take the iuyce of the Herb named Palma Christi, and with the same anoint thy hands, and thou mayest after handle Iron fire-hot without harm. And the like may you do with the iuyce of Hemlock.

Also take red Arsenick and red Allom, of each alike; these grind into fine powder, mixing the same with the iuyce of Sengreen, or House-leek and the Gall of a Bull, and anoint thy hands with the same; and thou mayest after handle burning Iron, and anointing the feet, thou mayest go on
hot

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hot Grates of Iron, or Coles, without any danger.

LXXII.

To light a Candle at the mouth of an Image painted on the wall.

TO do this, take and put Brimstone to the mouth of an Image, and take a burning Candle, and blow it out; and ere the weeke be out, set it to the Images mouth and it will burn. And so you may do against a Glasse.

LXXIII.

To take Fish by night.

Take a Lanthorn of Glasse, and put a burning Candle in it, and set the Lanthorn on the water, and the Fishes will come to light. Or else take Nettles and House-leek, and make iuyce of them, and put it in a Pond, and all the Fishes will gather there; and if your hands be anointed therewith, you may take them at your pleasure.

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LXXIV.

How to make no Dog shall bark at you.

TAke an Herb called Serpentine, and by Vertue thereof, no Dog shall bark at you.

LXXV.

How to make Birds come to your Culver-house.

Cast Barley steeped in Honey, where they do feed, and they will gather to your Culver-house.

LXXVI.

An Excellent Conclusion, how to put an Apple into a Vial.

Hang the Vial on the twig of an Apple-tree, and put a young Apple in the mouth of the Vial, and it will grow therein. And so ye may do with Grapes, or other fruit.

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LXXVII.

How to put an Egg into a Vial.

Steep the Egg two days and two nights in Vinegar, and then roll it on a Table softly, and it will stretch as Wax; and then may you put it in the Vial, or draw it thozow a Ring.

LXXVIII.

To make folk seem black.

Put Oyl Olive in a Lamp, and put thereto fine powder of ground Glass, and light it; and all that be above it, will seem black as Egyptians.

LXXIX.

To prove if a Maiden be clean.

Burn Mother-wort, and let her take the smock thereof in at her nose, and if she be corrupt, she shall presently piss, or else not. Otherwise take gray Nettles while they be green, and let her piss on them, if she be no Maiden, they will wither forthwith; otherwise not.

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LXXX.

To know if a sick person shall die,
or not.

Take gray Nettles while they be green
and put them into the Patients Urin:
and if they remain green, he shall live, and
if they wither, not.

LXXXI.

To make Salt-water Fresh.

Take Clay, and put it into a Bag, and
strain it thorow until it be clear, and
it will be fresh.

LXXXII.

To see as well by night as by day.

Apoint your Eyes with the Blood of a
Bat and by this means you may effect
your desire.

LXXXIII.

To kindle fire at the Sun.

Take a very bright Bason, and put a
new Looking-glass therein, and set
the

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the Bason in the hottest Sun, and lay about it very dry Two, small chopped, and the Two will take fire with the heat of the Sun.

LXXXIV.

To make flesh cleave in the Pot.

Take Dwall or Nightshade, and stamp it well, and put it in the Pot with meat, and the meat will cleave together.

LXXXV.

An easie way to take Birds.

Put Barley in the iuyce of Rue, and Vinegar, and cast it where the Birds do haunt or come, and as soon as they have eaten it, they cannot fly; and then ye may easily take them.

LXXXVI.

To make Silk-Worms.

Take the brain of a Calf, and put it in a pit of Mader, and let it lie three weeks, and they will breed of the brain, and ye may feed them with Mulberries.

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LXXXVII.

How to take away Hairs.

A Point the rough place with the blood of a Bat, after that it is shaven, and hair shall never grow there.

LXXXVIII.

To fatten Hens or Capons.

Make a deep pit in the earth, and make therein a bed of Dung, and bed of Nettles; and do so, till it be full, and there keep your Wullen, till the Herbs begin to grow, and then let them out: and within a short while they will be very fat.

LXXXIX.

That one shall not be drunk.

Drink the iuyce of Marrow, fasting, and ye shall not be drunk for no drink: And if ye were drunk, it will sober you. Or else eat the Marrow of Work fasting, and by this means ye shall not be drunk.

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XC.

To make a good bait for Fish, at all seasons
of the year.

Take wheat-flower, and Tallow of a
new slain Sheep, and the glair of an
Egg, and beat them all together, and bait
them all therewith.

XCI.

How to make an Egg go up to a
Spears end.

Erry the Egg at a little hole, and fill
it full of May-dew, and stop the hole
close with a little Wax and Parchment
glued, that the dew go not out. Then
stick a Spear in the earth, in the heat of the
Sun, and lay the Egg by the Spear, and
it will mount to the top thereof, by the
heat of the Sun.

XCII.

To make Portage run out of the Pot.

Take Rope, and cast thereof into the
Pot, and it will run over.

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XCIII.

To make Fish or Flesh seem raw.

Take the blood of a Rat, or of a Kid,
and dry it, and keep it from the air,
then cast on Fish or Flesh that is hot, and
it will seem raw.

XCIV.

To kill Hens and Ducks.

Cast to them the seed of Benbane, and
(having eaten thereof) they will fall
down as they were dead.

XCV.

How to make Coles to burn a
great while.

Take powder of St. Johns Wort;
and when the Coles are roasted, and
the fire neer out, cast it thereon, and let it
lie.

XCVI.

Ad capiendum pisces.

Recipe lucc Mullage, vel scolares
fortas collectum circa mediam
Maii.

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Maii. Quando Luna fit plena, distemperata cum nigro sale, & serua in Olla terrea; & quando vis occupare, ungue manus tuas, & lava in aqua vel loco ubi sunt Pisces.

XCVII.

That a man shall not be weary of going.

Drink of the iuyce of Mugwort, and bear the herb about him, with the herb Bedelion and Crowfoot.

XCVIII.

To make Yarn and Linnen Cloth become white.

Take a Herring barrel, and fill it nigh full of good Ale-dregs, and stop it fast: but ye must have a good dish-ful of parcht beans, and put them in a linnen-bag, and very hot put them to the dregs, till they be cool; and shut it fast, for the space of a quarter of an hour. Then take two pound of Allom, ground to subtil powder, and cast it therein; and let it lie four days naturally well closed: then wash your Yarn.

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XCIX.

To make that a horse may not go thorough a fireer.

Take the Guts of a Wolf, and lay them oberthwart the Street, and cover them with earth or sand, and he will not go that way as long as the Guts do lie there. Probatum est.

C.

To know if a Woman be with a Man-child, or not.

Take a dish, and put water in it, and then let her milk her breast into the water; and if it be a Man-child, it will fleet; and if it be a Woman-child, it will sink.

CI.

An easie Experiment to ease thy feet for going,

And to do this, take the leaves of Plantaine, and stamp them well, and strain them, or otherwise presse the
juice

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juice thereof, and anoint your feet therewith, and it will remove away the grief. Also, upon the going of any great journey, if you put within each of your shoes or boots a leaf of Blountine, it will both cool and refresh your feet, and likewise make you hold out mainly in travel.

CII.

To preserve your Teeth fair, white, and clean.

For the fair and neat keeping of the Teeth, take Barley-meal, Honey, and Salt, and mingle them together, and use therewith to rub your Teeth at sundry times, especially in the Morning; and (by this means) they shall become very fair and white.

CIII.

An easie Device to take Fleas.

A Point a Pot with the grease of a Buck, and set the same on your Bed, and all the Fleas will gather thereunto. Or else the grease of a Goupil, and anoint the place of the house therewith where

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ye would have them come, and they will be drawn thither. Or else take leaves of Dan, and lay them under your Coverlet, or where ye will; and when they be among the leaves, they cannot come away by any means.

CIV.

How to make abundance of Nails or other pieces of Iron, to hang one upon the other by the Loadstone.

First take a Nail, and knock it a little way into a Beam; then touch the head with a Loadstone, then put the point of another Nail to that, and it will hang. Then touch the second Nail on the head, and put to the point of a third: and so you may do till you come to the ground, let the beam be never so high, to the great admiration and amazement of all the beholders. This conclusion, and natural dependency, may be further amplified and extended with other several pieces of Iron or Steel, which have only formerly been touched with the Loadstone, whence cometh their contingency.

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C.V.

How with a Loadstone to make pieces delivered from your hand on a Shovel-board, to be Deuces or Trays at pleasure.

YOU must have Pieces of your own, in which you must drive points of Needles, and then break them off smooth and neat: Then, at the end of the Table (close by the Box underneath) cover a Loadstone and there your Pieces will rest. But be sure then you do throw as near the Tables end as you can: so shall you with the more convenience and the less suspicion effect your desire.

C.VI.

A new Receipt for a Cook, how, with one Spit, and with one equal fire, to keep one Capon raw, the second to boyl, and the third to roast.

Provide a long Spit, and put thereon three Capons, Chickens, Pidgeons, or what you please, (only three) then

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make a long fire, and lay them thereto, and let one turn the Spit : Then, on that you would keep raw, pour continually cold water ; and on that you would boyl, pour scalding liquoz, and that which you would desire to rost , baste it with Butter ; and so bread it.

As by this Figure is more plainly declared, thus :



Let A. be the raw Capon , whereon pour cold water. Then let B. be the boiled Capon, on which pour scalding liquoz. And let C. be the roasted, which expose to the fire , and baste with Butter. This is (being punctually performed) a very pretty Secret. But be sure you have in readinesse provided severall pans or vessells to receive each basting or liquoz by it self.

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To make one that they shall not sleep, or
to sleep when you please.

If you lay the heart of a Crow or Bat
upon a party you would not have to
sleep; the said party shall take but little
rest. Also, the head of a Bat brought to
powder, and bound to the right arm, doth
the like. But if you put the same upon the
stomach of one that is asleep, it is said that
the party will not awake till it be taken
away.

CVII.

How (by a new Secret) to make a pair
of Bowls to lie as neer the Jack
as you please.

Divers men peg, and put in pegs of
Lead into their Bowls on their
wheeling or running side: Now instead of
those leaden pegs, knock in points of nails,
or else horse-nail heads very neat and
handsome, so that it doth not make the
Bowl to rub.

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Then in the toe of your shoe (before hand) put a piece of a Loadstone, and then throw your Bowl as near the Jack as you can: when the Bowl is out of your hand, run before it & with that foot draw before your Bowl, and it will follow it: then, where you would have it lie, quickly take away your foot, and there the Bowl rests.

CIX.

An excellent Experiment to make Artificial Cloves.

Take what certain quantity you will of the finest Gum-Dracant, and infuse it in Rose-water: then strain it, and beat it in a Mortar with a little fine sersed Sugar: then take of the Powder of Cloves, and beat it amongst your paste; and when it is somewhat stiff, take it forth, and roll it somewhat small, to the form of Cloves, and likewise cut them to the length of Cloves: Then take a knife, and cross the heads, and print them with natural Cloves: and being so in the right form of Cloves, dry them in your Oven or Stove, and serve them.

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CX.

A rare Device to make a Walnut, that when you crack it, there shall be Biskets or Caraways in it, or a

Poësie written in

a Paper.

Take a quantity (as you think meet) of Waste-ropal, white, being beaten with Gum-Dracant, and mix it with a little fine serfessed Cinamon, and that will bring your Waste to the right colour of the Walnut shell: then roll it thin, and having a mold of a Walnut-shell which is in two halves, print it therein, and being molded befoze, put what you please therein, and so close it up, and dry it, and when you are disposed, present them thus formed to any company of your friends, or strangers, at your pleasure. This Device will seem marvellous to all who are not by their own usual practice and profession inured to the forming and molding of sundry Devices and Experiments of this rare and strange nature.

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CXI.

A neat Conclusion, whether a Man and Woman shall marry or not.

Take the number of the Mans name, and three; and likewise of the Womans, and divide them asunder by Nine: if the Mans name exceed the Womans, they shall marry; otherwise not.

CXII.

A Conceit to find whether of the married Couple die first.

Take the number of the marriage-day, as what day of the Month it was, and the number of the Sign that the Moon was in on that day: When divide these by Thirty, and if the number remaining be even, the Woman shall die first; else not.

CXIII.

An approved Perfume.

Take Rose-water and Vinegar, of each a like quantity as you please, where.

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Whereunto likewise put a proportionable quantity of Bay-leaves, and Cloves, and these boil all together in a Pot, or rather in a Perfuming-pan; and this will fill about the house a most excellent savour, and sweet perfume.

CXIV.

A pretty Conclusion, to find out whether a man shall win or lose at play.

Mark the name of the Man, and one for the place on the one party, and the number of the day, and the age of the Woman on the other party: Divide the number by Nine, and if the Mans number exceed the other, he winneth; or else not.

CXV.

To make Steel or Chrystal soft.

Take a quantity of unquenched Lime, and as much Soap-ashes, and thereof make a Lie after this manner. Strain it through a Strainer nine times: then take your Steel or Chrystal, and lay it therein for

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for a night and day, and it will be soft: if you will have it hard again, quench it suddenly in cold water.

CXVI.

How to set a vernish or colour on Iron or Steel.

And to do this, take the gall of a Calf, and after let your Steel or Iron be clean vernished over: then take the gall and stick it thereon with a cloth; and so let it dry well in the Sun, and it will appear plain like a Gold colour.

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A pretty Device, shewing how to gild upon Iron or Steel.

And to effect this, take a quantity of Melne-stone, with as much Sal Armoniack, and the like of Merdigrease, and some Salt; then seeth all together in White wine: then strike all over your burnished metals; let it burn into the same, and ye may gild thereon with common gold.

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CXVII.

In artificial Experiment, to cast Sugar into the form of either Birds or Beasts, in what posture you are disposed.

To effect this secret, take to what quantity you will of the finest Sugar, being clarified, and boil it until it will roll between your fingers: Then take your molds, being double, having lain in water two hours before, & stop them close with lome paste, lest the Sugar should come forth: and then cooling your Sugar a little, pour it into your molds; and let it so stand, until it be fully cooled: Then open your molds, of what form soever; and having taken them forth, you shall find them alike shaped, according to the figure of your mold whether of Man, Bird or Beast, &c. So you may, for further ornament, afterward gild or paint them; and so prefer them to the service of your friends, at any Feast or Banquet, or otherwise bestow them in gifts, as you shall find best occasion of their acceptance.

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CXIX.

A very useful Secret for the making of
divers Inks.

1. For the Golden Ink.

Take Chryſtal beaten, and temper it
with the white of an Egg, and write,
and when it is dry, rub it over with a
Gold Ring.

2. For Silver Ink.

Take Black-lead, temper it with Gum-
water, and write upon a black Paper, and
when it is dry, wipe it with a linnen cloth,
and it will shine like ſilver.

3. For Yellow Ink.

Take Saffron and Argil, and temper
them with Gum-water, and it will appear
a perfect Yellow.

4. For Green Ink.

Take Merdigrease and Argil, grind
them together on a Marble ſtone with a
Pallet: then temper it, and it will pro-
duce a perfect green colour.

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CXX.

To make one speak in their sleep whatsoever you would demand.

Take the tongue of a Water-frog, and lay it on the head of one that is asleep, and it causeth them to speak in their sleep. Also the heart of a Toad, or night-Crow, or the fat of an Hare put upon the brest of one that is sleeping, causeth them to tell whatsoever shall be demanded of them: whereby pretty sport may be raised to the demander and others, when the party is awaked.

CXXI.

An easie Conclusion for the making of Gum-water.

Take the quantity of a dish full of fair water from the Conduit, and put thereto an handful of Gum, and let it stand three days; after which, temper it well, and when you have occasion to make use thereof, you shall find it perfect to your desire.

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CXXII.

How to make a Thief afraid to come into your house.

IT is credibly reported that the Gall of a Cow hid in some privy or unknown place, will fear and astonish any that shall adventure to approach that place.

CXXIII.

How to cast a perfect Silver colour upon any Copper.

TAKE of Wine-stone, of Allom, and of Salt, of each alike quantity, then grind them altogether on a Painters stone; and withal, put thereto a leaf of Silver, and so grind it well in the rest of your stuff: Having so done, put it in a Leaden pot of Earth, and therein put likewise your Copper a little while: then scrape it with a Myer brush, and you shall see the strange alteration thereof. But in case it come not, upon the first view to its perfect change, you must let it lie a while longer therein, till it cometh to a more absolute colour of Silver.

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A sportive Conclusion, to make a whole
Herd of Cattle to flee from you in a
Field, or follow you when you
please.

As thou passest at any time thorow
the field, having about thee either
a Cloak or Coat, approach before a
Herd of Cattle, suddenly stoop down for-
ward, and run backward at them, and
they will flee from you, as so many Lambs
from a Wolf: but presently again change
your posture, and walk upright, and they
will all follow you with wonder: But do
the like again, (as before) and they will
still be startled therewith, till you sur-
cease, and leave them, This you may do to
the fiercest Bull, Cow, or Doe, and daunt
them.

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To make Hair shine like Gold.

Take Colwint stalk, dry them, and
burn them, and with their ashes make
a Lye, and wash therewith your hair.

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How to make a Receit, that neither Rat nor Mouse shall eat or gnaw of your Cheele.

The Weasel, the Rat, and Mouse, are at such deadly hatred one with the other, as that, if you put the brain of a Weasel into the Rennets or Curds whereof you intend to make your Cheese, neither Rats nor Mice will ever come to taste or eat thereof.

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A very easie and merry conceit, to keep off Fleas from your Beds or Chambers.

Pliny reporteth, that if when you first hear the Cuckow, you mark well where your right foot standeth, and take up of the earth, the Fleas will by no means breed, either in your House or Chamber, where any of the same earth is thrown or scattered.

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CXXVIII.

How to make of Paper a Bird, Frog, or other artificial creature, to creep on the ground, flee, or run upon a wall or past.

Take a piece of Paper, and cut it with a knife or cizers into the form of the figure before, (or what other you please.) then take a little piece of Wax, Pitch, or other glutinous stuff; and on the backside, where you see the letter A. place it: Then warm it at the fire, and stick thereon a Flie, Beetle, or what other such small voluble creature you shall think fit: and you shall hereupon behold a very pretty conceited motion, with content sufficient, and a kind of pleasant admiration.

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CXXIX.

How to make a pretty sport amongst
Duck, Hens, or other
Poultry.

For the effecting of this Conceit, take a piece of Rzed about some two foot long and at the one end thereof, tie a little piece of Red cloth, or of some other colour that is light; then, at the other end, tie a piece of the paring of Cheese so big as they may well swallow and throw it amongst them, with other meat; and they that take it down, (as one of them will) thereby make pretty sport.

CXX.

A way to make Discord or Peace between any Parties.

Many learned Authors do relate of the strange operation which is to be found in the stone of a mad Dog, and how the same, being put into drink, is said to move a great Dissention between those Parties who shall happen to drink thereof. The like (on the contrary part) may

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may be aberred concerning the validity which consisteth in the heart and bowels of the Turtle-Dove, viz. that if any do in their Drinke or otherwise partake of either, they shall thereby be inclined to peace, and moved with the true affection.

CXXXI.

How to make a sportive Conclusion with a Cat, by putting her into a small Washed-bowl in a Pond, Thames, or other River.

Bring forth a small Washing bowl, and put therein a Cat: then shove the Bowl and Cat into a great Pond, the Thames, or other River, (in a calm) when you have so done, manage your Spaniels or other Dogs that will take the water, or be apt to bait a Cat, and you shall have dainty sport: For the Dogs with their feet will turn the bottom of the Bowl upwards, the Cat being in the water, will still flee to her little Winnace the first boarded, namely the washing-bowl; by which will appear a terrible Sea-sight in fresh water.

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How to make a pretty house-sport
with a Cat.

Catch your Cat, and take a Hawke
bell oz the like: then rpe a thzed to
the bell; and about half an inch from the
bell, tie a knot: then bind it fast to the end
of her tail, and let her loose; whereby you
shall see pretty sport.

Also you may rake Walnut-shels, when
the kernels are out, and put therein a lit-
tle crum of Witch, and warm them against
the fire: then shooe her on all her four feet:
Then put her into a dark room and she
will never rest quiet, but keep her self to
trampling, that the noise thereof, to those
that only hear, not knowing what you
have done, will seem strange, and indeed
delectable.

CXXXIII.

How to make a Cat to piss out
the fire.

Take a Cat and with a globe on your
hand, hold all her four feet together:
then

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then hold her head fast between your leggs: when you have so done, go to the fire, and hold up her tail, and you shall see her spout forth presently.

CXXXIV.

How a Wager may be laid, that a Cat shall draw a simple fellow over a Pond, Moat, &c.

Take a Rope, and tie it about the fellows middle very fast: then get the other end of the Rope on the other side of the Pond: when you have so done, tie the Cat with a small Backtyed to the Rope. Now you must imagine, that the Rope must reach a good way from the Cat, and put it thorow some bushes or weeds, behind which you must have two or three Confederates, (so that the fellow see them not) Then, when all is ready, one must whip or beat the Cat, and then your Confederates must pull the Rope quickly over: and when he is come to the Shore, they may soon convey themselves away; for he will have small mind to eye them.

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CXXXV.

An approved artificial Conclusion for the making of Palte-royal, white.

TAke of your finest Gum Dragant, and infuse it in Rose-water: which (being dissolved) strain it thozow a fine linnen cloth and beat it with a little fine sersed Sugar: it will require bearing the longer, because by this means it grows the whiter: when it is grown somewhat stiff, (as it will do by adding Sugar unto it) then take it forth, and put it in your Mold very thin, and dry it in your flow, and you will find it useful for best occasions.

CXXXVI.

Of an Herb which will make one to be very forgetful.

Some do write, that there is a Tree or Shrub called Lutoz, that if any do eat fruit thereof they shall quite forget all sorrow; nay, it will make them forget their own Country and Birth.

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How to drive away all Inchantments,
or Witchcraft.

ALL Beasts do naturally detest the female Wimpernel, but not the male, as sundry Authoꝝ affirm. And it is credibly witnessed, that this Wimpernel, laid under the threshold of the dooꝝ, driveth away all manner of Inchantments and Witchcraft.

CXXXVIII.

How you may serve a Tapster such a trick,
that he shall not be able to
froth his Cans or
Juggs.

Provide but in readines the skin of a Red-Herring, and at some time or other, when the Tapster is absent, do but rub a little on the inside of his Wots, Cans, or Juggs, and he shall not in any wise be able to froth them for a long time after, although he would. This is a Conceit to cozen the Tapster, when he would cozen you.

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CXXXIX.

A natural means to preserve your house
in safety from Thunder and
Lightning.

Ancient Autho^r recited (among
divers other experiments of Nature
which he had found out) that if the herb
Housleek or Hyngreen do grow on the
house top, the same house is never stricken
with Lightning or Thunder.

CXL.

A good Drink for Travellers, or such like
when they shall happen to want
either Ale or Beer in
their Inn.

Take a quart of good fair Water, and
put into the same some half a Dozen
spoonfulls of Wine-vinegar or, for farthing
as much Aqua vita, a little Sugar, Bozage,
Lyne, and Rosemary: then bzev them
well, together out of one pot into another,
and you shall find it a good and wholesome
drink, especially in Summer.

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CXLI.

How to keep Beer or Ale from sowing
in the heat of Summer, or
when it beginneth to
be dead.

Take Mugwort, and put it into Ale or
Beer in the heat of Summer, so that
you put in a quantity according to the pro-
portion of your Drink: for the greater
quantity requireth also the greater quan-
tity of this Mug-wort.

Otherwise, put a handful or two of
Barmeal, or else of ground Malt, into your
bessel of Ale or Beer, and afterward stir
the same well together, and let it settle a
little, and it will become fresh. Or else
put into the vessel the roots of Ireos, Or-
gan, and Barberries.

CXLII.

How to take Crows, Kites, Magpies, or
Jackdaws, alive.

Take any piece of raw flesh, or Liver
of a Beast, and slice it into small
morsels, that they may swallow it: then
take

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take the powder or slices of Nux vomica, and making holes in the flesh) put it into the same, and lay it where they haunt and presently after they have eaten of it, they will take to a tree as soon as they can, and suddenly totter and fall down; where you may with your hands easily take them: but they will quickly recover again.

CXLIII.

To hang a Gourd, Cucumber, or great Apple up in your house, that you may have Wheat, Barley, Rye, or Pease to grow out thereof.

Take a Gourd, Cucumber, or great Apple, and with a Skewer or Butchers prick make holes therein a little way, and in those holes put the slender ends in of Wheat, Barley or Rye, that they may be buried: Then take a Back-thred or B own thred, and tie it cross the Gourd, and so hang it up in your house, and in short time, your seed of these several sorts will sprout and grow forth, and for the Conceit seem very rare.

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CXLIV.

How to find out a delusion of the Vintners,
in mixing Water with their Clarets
and Whites, or Honey with
their other Sweet
Wines.

If you suspect your French Wines (as
Clarets or Whites to be mingled with
Water, which you may partly perceibe,
by the thinness about the verge or brink
of the Glass) the best way to find out the
delusion thereof, is, to put a Bear pared
into the Glass, and if it doth swim aloft
upon the Wine, it is a pregnant evidence
that the Wine is perfect, and unmingled;
but if it sink to the bottom, then of a cer-
tain Water is mingled therewith.

If you likewise have any suspicion of
your Sweet Wines, (as Canaries, Mal-
goes, &c.) that they should be mingled with
Honey; you may find out the trick in this
manner: Take a few Drops of the Wine,
and pour them on a hot place of Iron, and
the Wine will soon dissolve, but the Ho-
ney remain and thicken.

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CXLV.

To preserve a man from being drunk, or
make a drunken man to become
sober again.

He that will preserve himself from
being drunk, let him drink in a
morning fasting Salet oyl; or eat
the marrow of Work fasting.

Otherwise, if a man (being drunk) would
become sober, let him eat Coleworts, or
drink a good draught of Vinegar, or wash
his private members therewith.

The virtue of a rare Cole that is to be found
but one hour of the day, and one
day in the year.

There Authors affirm concerning the
verity and vertue of this Cole, viz.
That it is only to be found upon Midsum-
mer Eve (being the Eve of Saint John
the Baptist) just at noon, under every
root of Plantain and of Bugwort,
The effects whereof are wonderful, for
whosoever weareth or beareth the same
about

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about with them, shall be freed from the
Plague, Fever, Ague, and sundry other
diseases. And one Author especially wri-
teth, and constantly averreth, that he ne-
ver knew any that used to carry of this
marvellous Cole about him, who ever
were (to his knowledg) sick of the Plague,
(indeed) complained of any other sea-
sickness.

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